

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 11, 2006, claims 1-7 and 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,711,182 (Gibbs) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,502,713 (Lagerqvist).

Claims 8 and 13 were indicated as being patentable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the rejected based claims.

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's technical characterizations of Gibbs, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 4 and 9 to include the features of cancelled claims 8 and 13, to place claims 1, 4, and 9 in condition for allowance. We submit, however, that neither Gibbs nor Lagerqvist, alone or in combination, describe or suggest a method or device for forming transport frames by calculating a respective error detection code for a subset of bits, placing the subset of bits in a respective transport frame with the error detection code, with the transport frames containing subsets of bits from different frames and accompanied by the respective error detection codes.

In view of the amendments of independent claims 1, 4 and 9, all claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MTR.0032US).

Respectfully submitted,

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